

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I wish to express my deep concern about the proposed rules changes. My own observations over the years in the San Francisco Bay Area convinces me that we are seeing a continuing narrowing in both the spectrum of ideas and the coverage of subject matter in the news media. Further consolidation of media ownership will result in increasingly monochromatic news coverage. Democracy is ill served by this. We need to diversify ownership and thereby opinion.

Commissioner Copps raises very important questions and issues which need to be carefully considered before a decision is made in this matter.

Sincerely,
Frank L. Kirk